

REMARKS

The subject application originally had claims 1-7. In the April 20, 2005 Office Action the examiner has allowed claim 7 and has objected to claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 1 and 4 were rejected under Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,840,658. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of the claim 7 and objection to claims 2, 3, 5 and 6.

Claims 1 and 4 are herein cancelled, without prejudice to applicant's right to pursue these claims in a continuing or divisional application.

Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form, combining the disclosure of cancelled claim 1 and original claim 2. Accordingly, claims 2, 3, 5 and 6, which are all dependent from claim 2, are now allowable.

Therefore, only allowed claims 2, 3 and 5-7 remain pending in this application and for the foregoing reasons applicant submits that a Notice of Allowance should now be issued for **claims 2, 3 and 5-7**. Early action toward this end is earnestly solicited.

It is believed that no additional fees are required to be paid for this Amendment, other than a three (3) month extension of time to file the same. However, should the Examiner disagree, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 11-0223, with applicant reserving its right herein to later object to any such charge made by the Office.

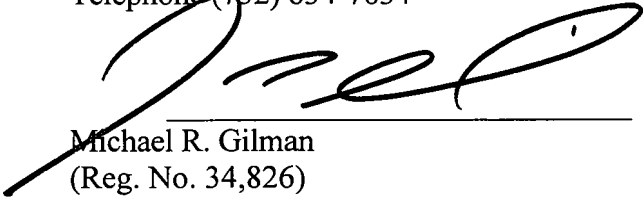
The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite any detail of the prosecution, if necessary.

Finally, applicant notes that its undersigned attorneys' firm name has changed since the last submission filed in this case by applicant. Applicant's attorneys' firm name is now Kaplan Gilman Gibson & Dernier LLP, and the above Deposit Account is now in the name of such firm.

Respectfully submitted,

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